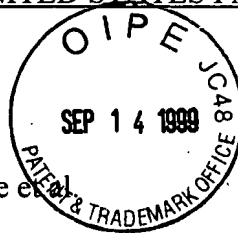


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Entrance of the following preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits is  
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Specification:

✓ On page 11, line 21, please delete "housing" and substitute therefor -house-.

Abstract:

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ABSTRACT  
-A process and apparatus for the continuous manufacture of food products such as sausages

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is provided which eliminates the need for intermediate stuffing of the food product into casings  
which are discarded prior to final packaging. The preferred apparatus of the invention includes first  
and second heated rollers (16, 17) each presenting a plurality of elongated, axially aligned channels

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